



Erskine Park High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Spectacular!!

What an amazing experience for Rodney, Sarah, Annalise, Aaron, Thomas and Rachel from our Support Unit who performed in spectacular fashion at the NSW Department of Education 2018 School Spectacular. After a successful audition and many rehearsals these students took to the stage with 5000 other students from across the state to showcase the excellent opportunities for students in performing arts in public schools. If you didn't get the opportunity to see this show live watch out for the broadcast on Channel Seven on Saturday 8th December at 7pm. Congratulations to Miss Neubronner and Mrs Jones for the work they have done to support this achievement.



Col Sheppard Memorial Scholarships

Every year the St Marys RSL Sub Branch acknowledge and support local students who have a passion for history through a very generous scholarship, named after the late Col Sheppard. Year 10 students are invited to submit a piece of work related to a topic chosen by the RSL Sub Branch. This may be a poem, diary, letter, essay, model, artwork, story, play, media presentation or any other representation of the student's choosing. Our successful students, Nicole Spencer \$2500, Kiera Endon \$1500 and Riley Jarnet \$1000 are to be congratulated on their outstanding submissions. Featured in the newsletter is Kiera's artwork.



Dates to remember - Term 4 2018

Term 4 Week 7 - Week 9

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| 26 Nov - 7 Dec | Year 10 Work experience |
| 29 Nov | Year 9 Pass excursion - Cables Wake Park |
| 3 Dec | Legal Studies excursion - Parramatta legal court |
| 4 Dec | Year 6 into 7 Orientation day Year 10 Formal |
| 5 Dec | Year 12 Society and culture excursion - State library |
| 10 Dec | Junior Recognition assembly |
| 11 Dec | Year 10 into 11 enrolment day |
| 12 Dec | Presentation night |
| 13 Dec | Senior scholarships afternoon tea Year 12 celebration BBQ |

White Ribbon

Congratulations to all staff and students supporting this important campaign. Our students heard some alarming statistics related to domestic violence during our White Ribbon assembly where students, including some students from JEPS, together with staff made a pledge, in front of the whole school:

I commit to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Upcoming roadworks

After a submission by some past Year 11 students to Penrith council concerning the safety of the road immediately out the front of the school, I am pleased to announce that Penrith City Council have informed me they intend to start work on Wednesday 28th November. This may cause some minor traffic disruptions but the end result will be a much safer solution for students needing to cross the road.

Penrith City Council have also made improvements to the park directly across from the school pedestrian crossing which makes a lovely recreational area for the community, including our students. This area is not supervised by staff before and after school and students should be reminded to go directly into the school grounds in the morning where there is staff supervision.

Community Sponsored Scholarships

Congratulations to our community sponsored scholarship students who are receiving the community sponsored scholarships.



Tyler Elliott
St Clair Rugby
League club



Liam Johnston
St Clair Rugby
League club



Brianna Edwards
Erskine Park
Eagles Netball
club



Riley Jarnet
St Clair Hawks
Cricket club



Madeleine Piggott
Ryan Family
Scholarship



Alessandra Timoteo
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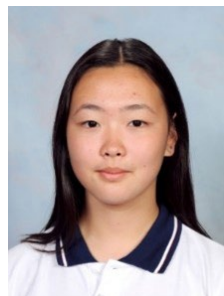
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School



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Ashleigh Britton
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Centre

Late news - World Champion

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Tamia Fonua who has placed 1st in the age group 11-12 for Tumble at the 2018 World Age Group Gymnastic and Trampoline Competition in Russia. This makes her a world champion. Well done Tamia.

Leiza Lewis
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 4 is a busy but exciting time at Erskine Park High School. Students will be completing their examinations and wrapping up their learning for 2018. Teachers are busy writing reports and many are externally marking the HSC examinations after school. As a school we celebrate the achievements of the year at our recognition assemblies and presentation evening.

Year 12 celebrated the conclusion of their school life coming together at their formal at Twin Creeks Golf Club. Thank you to the year advisers, Mrs Macinate and Mr Bisolgo for their organisation of this outstanding event. Our students looked spectacular!

For Year 12 it is an anxious wait for the release of their HSC results. Results are released on Thursday 13th December. ATAR information will be available to students from 7:00am, Friday 14th December 2018. Release of results will be via the Results and ATAR

app and website. Students are invited back to school for a BBQ to celebrate their HSC results with their teachers on Friday 14th December in the school's Drama amphitheatre.

Year 11 started their HSC journey this term. The content learnt in class, assessment tasks all contribute to their HSC. It is important students manage their time effectively moving into 2019. Completing assessment tasks on time, completing homework and having a regular study pattern is crucial for the next 4 terms. It is the responsibility of the student to catch on any work missed due sick days, sporting events and TAFE courses. I encourage all students to seek assistance from their teacher if they are struggling with the course content or assessment tasks. Many teachers have started before or after school tutorials to help student revise class work. Some students have reduced their study load by dropping to 5 subjects. This allows their timetable to have study periods for students to access the Library and complete homework and assessment tasks or create study notes. These are not free periods.

Year 10 are in their last weeks of junior schooling. They have chosen their subjects for 2019 and the timetable is in progress. Many students will undertake work experience during weeks 7 and 8. This is an important time for students to experience their career aspirations.

During this term students will also prepare for studying in Year 11. Most students have completed the mandatory online NESA course 'All my own work' during the CLUES lessons earlier this term. Those who have not completed the course will be given an opportunity in the Library over the next few weeks. Failure to do this will require the student to organise the completion of the course themselves prior to the commencement of the Preliminary HSC at the beginning of next year. The course was an online activity which delivered modules designed to support students in making appropriate decisions with respect to copyright and plagiarism.

On Tuesday 11th December, Year 10 into 11 enrolment day will take place. Students, and parents, are invited to the school for a presentation on how to maximise their HSC, expectations of a senior student and to pay contributions 2019 subjects.

Year 6 into 7 orientation will be held on Tuesday 11th December. This is a great opportunity of students starting Year 7 at Erskine Park High School next year. Students and their parents are invited to the hall for an introduction to high school life. Students will familiarise themselves with the school by meeting

their class group, year advisers, Mr Darwin Mendoza and Mrs Hayley Crowshaw. Students partake in mini lessons across the school while parents have the opportunity to purchase book packs, purchase uniforms and pay contributions. A BBQ will be held to conclude the morning.

As this is my last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and their families a safe, relaxing and happy holiday. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as a Deputy Principal at Erskine Park High School over the past 3 Terms, in particular working with the student in Years 8, 10 and 12.

Mrs Melinda Waddell
Relieving Deputy Principal

JAMBEROO REWARDS EXCURSION

This year we are rewarding students in Year 7-10 who have had NO negative incidents during semester 2 including, NO out of uniform days and NO negative behaviour incidents in both the classroom and playground, these include phone use and not bringing correct equipment.

We are headed to Jamberoo Action Park. To be included in this fun filled and exciting excursion please keep up the good work, continuing to support our school policies.



WELFARE REPORT

Term 4 has already been a busy term.

Vaccinations

Year 7 and 11 catch up vaccinations were held on the Friday 9th of June. This concludes our vaccination program for this year and we are happy to announce that our partnership with NSW health to continue this fantastic program in 2019.

Merit Awards

It would be great to see a larger number of students earning awards and getting the recognition they deserve. There is a recognition assembly at the end of Term 4, and also a rewards bbq for all students with no negative incidents.

Links to Learning

Throughout the rest of year, some selected male

students will have the opportunity of attending Links to Learning Mens She. Students attend the Links to Learning program one day a week as an alternative to attending school. While still developing reading, writing and numeracy skills students also gain a broad range of valuable skills in areas such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, planning and organising, health, self-management and self-confidence as well as working on a practical project that the group will decide on in time.



Year 8 Resilience seminar

On Wednesday 14th November, Year 8 were lucky enough to have Fusion youth present a seminar on resilience. This seminar outlined some strategies for students to use when dealing with life, relationships and the online world.

Smiles on Site

The Smiles on Site dental van was due to arrive at Erskine Park High School last week. Unfortunately, the van did not arrive. After multiple attempts to contact the company, we have had no reply. We are currently investigating alternate services to deliver this service in 2019. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Thank you to our year advisers for all their hard work this year, especially to Mrs Macinante for her organisation of the Year 12 formal and Mr Parkhill for our upcoming Year 10 formal.

Enjoy the rest of Term 4,

Tegan Misdorn
Head Teacher Wellbeing

ENGLISH REPORT

“What is the point of being alive if you don’t at least try to do something remarkable?” —from *An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green

It has been a busy start to Term 4 in the English Faculty! We said farewell to Miss Healy, and congratulated her on the birth of her son. We have welcomed Mr Woodland and Mrs Morrison to English for the remainder of the year. We have begun new units of work in junior years and the new Year 12 HSC courses. We have also had students involved in the Year 9 Rotary Public Speaking competition, Fiction Frenzy with Year 7 and Year 6 JEPS students, and the Poetry in Action live performance.

What are we studying?

Year 7 have just finished their Fiction Frenzy unit, culminating in a presentation of the best projects in the library along with students from JEPS. Students had a great time selecting their own novel and building on their analytical and technological skills as they produced a range of visual, written, and multimodal pieces. They are now commencing their final unit of the year, Mythical and Magical Worlds.



Year 8 are enjoying their genre study of Horror this term, investigating a range of texts from Poe to *The Simpsons* adaptations, with a major focus on creating their own narrative pieces of writing.

Year 9 are investigating how Japanese culture is represented in a range of texts, from the anime films *Howl's Moving Castle* and *Spirited Away*, to haiku, short stories, and manga. This was supported by a visit from Poetry In Action, who performed a range of poetry, including that of Japanese poet Basho.



Year 10 classes are completing a drama unit, with classes completing close studies of plays, and investigating different elements of playmaking. Their current assessment task asks them to apply their new knowledge and skills and write the opening of their own play.

Year 11/12: Our Year 11 students have started the HSC course, with English Studies, English Advanced and English Standard all currently completing the Common Module – Texts and Human Experiences. The Advanced classes are studying *The Crucible*, while Standard and Studies students are looking at *Billy Elliot*. Our Extension 1 students are looking at a range of texts and how literary worlds are created whilst our Extension 2 candidates have begun the creative process of developing their own texts.

Rotary Partnership Public Speaking Competition
Building on our annual Rotary Public Speaking



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RYAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

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Competition, this year we have expanded the competition to include contestants from local primary schools and St Clair High School. Our two speakers, Claudine De Paz and Natalie Lau from Year 9, gave fantastic presentations on the place of mobile phones in schools. The night was a success, and a great opportunity for the school community to come together with our local St Marys Rotarians and other local schools.



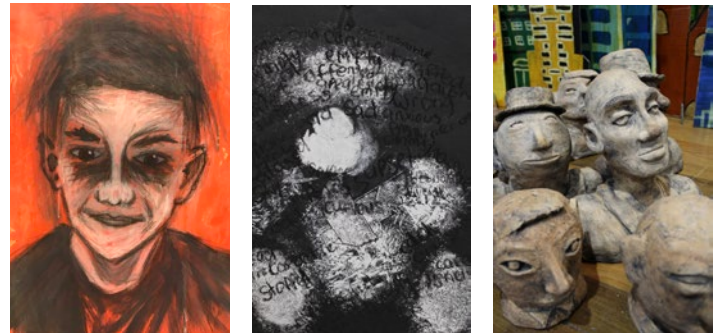
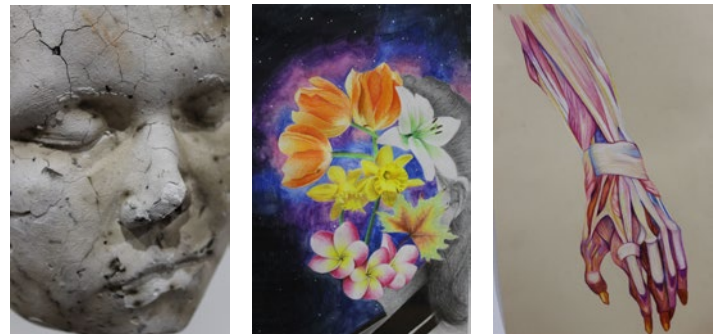
As the year winds down, we would like to remind all students that we still have work to do! Please remember to come to class prepared with a fully charged laptop, your exercise book, pen, and highlighter.

Mrs Kelly Hodkinson
Head Teacher, English

CAPA REPORT

Arts in the Park

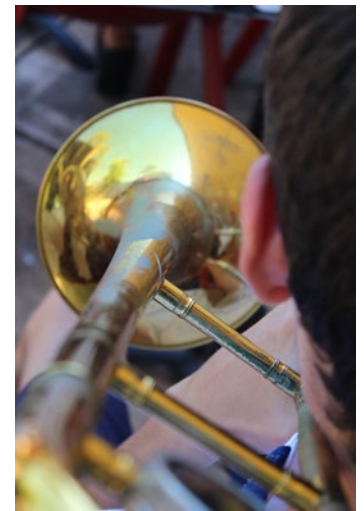
During Term 3, the school held its annual Arts in the Park exhibition. This showcased Erskine Park's talented art, photography, ceramics, design and music students. On display were the HSC Visual Arts Major Works and Musical Performances. Also on show was an incredible variety of junior and senior work ranging from paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, prints, designed objects and textured works. There were also displays of work from our local primary schools. The Bald Archie's, the school's annual student portrait competition of the Erskine Park High School staff, was again very popular as was the Saturday morning viewing time. An enormous thank you to the Creative and Performing Arts faculty for their hard work and dedication in setting up and dismantling the exhibition.



Music News

Concert Band

The Concert Band is expanding and always welcomes more members who are willing to work hard to maintain the band's high standards. Look out for the band at the school's annual Presentation Night, as they will be playing several new musical items. The band will also be out and about around the school and community, performing some festive music towards the end of Term 4.





Tuition Opportunities

Students who are interested in undertaking lessons during school time on guitar, keyboard, drums or singing, keep an ear out for an exciting new development regarding tuition. The CAPA department is investigating a new program for next year to allow students to expand their musical skills. Please see Mr Dallas or Mr Mayes if you are interested in finding out more details.

Please feel free to contact the CAPA Department at any time to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about your son or daughter or about any of our courses.

Mr Gennaro Serra
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

SUPPORT REPORT School Spectacular



This term has been busy with many of our students taking part in the rehearsals leading up to the school spectacular.

A big thankyou to Miss Neubronner and Mrs Jones for taking the students to and from the venue, and a big congratulations to Sarah Clarke who received a leading role in her performance!

AIME Experience

A few of our students have been participating in some AIME run activities and were invited to attend an excursion to WSU Kingswood campus on the 16th November. Thank you to Mr Giaquinto for helping with

the organisation of these activities.

Bedford



We would like to announce and welcome our new work experience partners at Bedford Group. Looking forward to the many opportunities they will bring to our students.

Rewards Excursion

At the end of Term 3, students who had shown dedication and diligence were given the opportunity to attend a rewards excursion to Zone Bowling at Rooty Hill. The students were excited to test their skills, but also have a bit of a laugh along the way.



Another rewards excursion for this term is coming up soon, and as a reminder students are to continue to showcase their positive behaviour by filling out as many Star Cards as they can in order to receive the invitation.

Other Fun Activities

Students have been engaging in many different activities in class throughout the term. Here are just a few we can see including an agar plate experiment and some students working hard on their Literacy Planet tasks.



Mr Andrew Blom
Head Teacher Support

YEAR 9 REPORT

Welcome to Term 4 and our final newsletter for the year. This term is another busy one with students currently finishing up their yearly examination, presentation night and recognition assembly. Even though the end of term is fast approaching, we encourage all Year 9 students to continue working hard in all their subjects and continue to strive for

success across all areas of the school

CLUES Lessons

This term the focus of CLUES lessons for Year 9 is 'Managing Emotions'. The program covers the following topics:

- Identifying and Managing Stress
- Coping Strategies
- Managing Anxiety
- Anger Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Self-Monitoring Strategies
- Meditation Techniques
- Relaxation Techniques

Recognising Student Achievement

Later this term we have our semester two recognition assembly and presentation night. We are looking forward to celebrating the academic and sporting achievements and school service recognition of our Year 9 students. Those receiving awards will be notified by letters in the coming weeks.

We are also pleased to be acknowledging student commitment to the school and their learning through the end of term recognition BBQ and Jamberoo excursion. Students who have not received negative incidences for the term will be eligible to attend.

Excellent Opportunity

Erskine Park High School has been selected for The Premiers ANZAC Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will allow one student from EPHS currently in Year 9 or 10 (and studying History in 2019) to travel to Germany, France and Belgium during September in 2019. Students will learn about the causes of the First and Second World Wars, and visit the battlefields where the ANZACs fought, to learn about and commemorate their service.

Year 9 students who are 16 by 27th September 2019 are eligible to submit a piece of work (e.g. essay, poem, artwork etc) to undergo the selection process. This is an excellent opportunity that all eligible students should embrace. Interested students should see the HSIE staff for more information.

Miss Rebecca Christensen and Miss Alice Yates
Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser

YEAR 10 REPORT

Welcome to the Term 4 Newsletter.

Year 10 Formal

The Year 10 Formal will be held on Tuesday 4th December at Penrith Panthers Club commencing with 5:30PM arrivals. Students need to have paid the full \$100 cost of the formal to the front office by Wednesday 14th November. Any students with dietary requirements will need to see Mr Parkhill in the HSIE staffroom.



Colin Shepard OAM Memorial School Scholarship

Congratulations to Nicole Spencer, Keira Eadon and Riley Jarnet. These students were awarded the first, second and third places respectively for the Colin Shepard OAM Memorial School Scholarship.



Teacher Awards

Continue to bring in any Teacher Awards you may have sitting in backpacks or pencils cases to Miss Neubronner in the HSIE staffroom. Recognition Assembly and Presentation Night is in Term 4 and it would be lovely to see as many Year 10 students being recognised for their hard work as possible.

Mr Brent Parkhill and Miss Chelsea Neubronner
Year 10 Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser

PREMIERS ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

By now many students in both Year 9 and Year 10 are aware of the Premiers Anzac Memorial Scholarship. One student from Erskine Park High School will be

awarded the scholarship and take part in a study tour of historic war sites in Germany, France and Belgium. Below are criteria and outlines

Scholarship Criteria

A student applying for a Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- be enrolled in Year 9 or 10 in 2018
- turn 16 years of age by the 27 September 2019, the departure date of the 2019 tour
- be studying history in Year 11, if in Year 11 in 2019
- intend to study history in Year 11 if in Year 10 in 2019
- be a positive contributor to the school community
- be able to follow very high standards of behaviour, dress and protocol
- be independent, trustworthy and able to complete tasks by specified deadlines
- be medically, physically and emotionally fit to participate in the tour
- display a genuine interest in Australian history, including the role that participation in wars has played in the development of Australia.

accept the following conditions:

- have parental/caregiver permission to participate.
- agree to participate in media interviews should they be requested and to appear on official NSW Government websites. The Office for Veterans Affairs will carefully monitor information that is made public.
- produce a piece of work, as part of the scholarship, that may be published

To qualify, students must submit a piece of work on one or more of the following themes

- The importance of commemoration
- The effect of wars on communities in Australia
- The impact of wars on returned soldiers
- The role of women in both wars

Possible formats include

- Essay of 1000 words (word count does not include references or footnotes)
- Poem or short story
- Video presentation (maximum 3 minutes)

- Musical composition - a song or instrumental. A written exposition of 500 words explaining how the composition relates to the chosen theme must be included
- Web page or powerpoint
- Artwork - painting, drawing, photograph or textile. A written exposition of 500 words explaining how the artwork relates to the chosen theme must be included

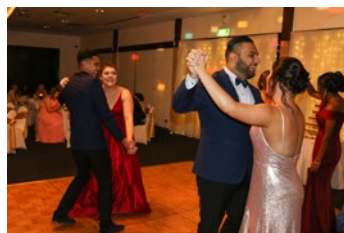
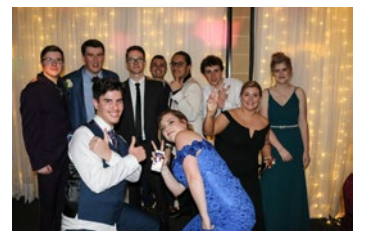
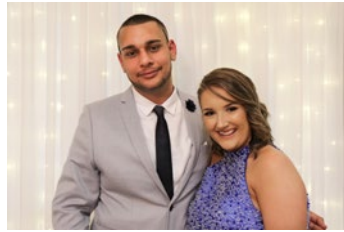
DUE DATE: Friday, week8, the 7th December.

For more information go to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/news/2019-premiers-anzac-memorial-scholarship-open/> or come to the HSIE staff room

Mr Grant.Kelly
Head Teacher HSIE

YEAR 12 FORMAL





A good time was had by all.




Help with career ideas after your HSC?

- university
- TAFE
- college
- work
- traineeship/apprenticeship
- other ideas

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Wesley Mission Youth Presents:

JANUARY 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

To attend these programs you must be 12 - 18 years old and complete a permission form.

Escape Room & Pool Day

When: 15th of January – Tuesday
 Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wet n' Wild

When: 17th of January – Thursday
 Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Movie (Aquaman) & Nintendo Switch Day

When: 22nd of January – Tuesday
 Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Surf Beach Day

When: 24th of January – Thursday
 Time: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Note: Times shown are subject to change.

For More Information Please Contact:
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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

"DR SEUSS" HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

BRING A PICNIC BLANKET AND SNACKS
ENJOY A FREE BBQ

WHEN: FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018
WHERE: PEPPERTREE OVAL ERSKINE PARK
TIME: 7:15PM ARRIVAL
MOVIE WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM
COST: FREE

For more information please contact Monique
 9834 2708 or 0405 824 779 or email monique@communityjunction.org.au
 This is a drug and alcohol free event.



This Project is funded by the NSW Government Department of Justice and delivered in partnership with Penrith City Council.
www.communityjunction.org.au



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NSW School Vaccination Program 2019

All vaccines offered are **FREE** for Year 7 students.



Consent forms will be provided to you in 2019.

Students **cannot** be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form is **returned** to the school.

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Tennis in Schools Proposal



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